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SUBJECT: KHMER AND KOREA IN 29TH UNGA: NEPAL

DELIVER 8:00 A.M.

1. ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER CALLED IN NEPALESE
AMBASSADOR KHANAL DECEMBER 13 TO EXPRESS, AT THE REQUEST
OF THE SECRETARY, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S STRONG
DISAPPOINTMENT WITH NEPAL'S VOTES ON KHMER REPRESENTATION
IN THE 29TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION. LORTON, NEA/INS,
SAT IN.

2. NOTING THAT AMBASSADOR CARGO HAD HAD A NUMBER OF
DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH THE NEPALESE FOREIGN
MINISTER, SOBER SAID WE BELIEVED NEPAL GENUINELY PROFESSED
A POLICY OF NONALIGNMENT AND SUPPORTED THE PRINCIPLES AND
OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. HENCE, WE WERE
NOT ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHY THEY COULD NOT SUPPORT A
CONSTRUCTIVE RESOLUTION DESIGNED TO BRING THE CONTENDING
PARTIES IN CAMBODIA TOGETHER TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT.
SOBER NOTED WE WERE MAKING THIS SPECIAL EFFORT WITH NEPAL
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BECAUSE WE CONSIDERED THEM TO BE A FRIEND.

3. SOBER THEN MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY THERE MIGHT BE A
CHALLENGE TO THE KHMER DELEGATION'S CREDENTIALS WHEN THE
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT WAS VOTED ON NEXT WEEK. WE

HOPED THE GON WOULD OPPOSE ANY SUCH CHALLENGE BECAUSE THIS
WOULD REOPEN THE QUESTION AND BE CONTRARY TO THE GA'S

DECISION TO AWAIT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT AT THE
NEXT SESSION BEFORE TAKING ANY FURTHER ACTION.

4. EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR NEPAL'S ABSTENTION
ON THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION ON KOREA, SOBER SAID WE HOPED
THAT IF NEPAL COULD NOT SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION AS APPROVED
BY THE FIRST COMMITTEE, THAT IT WOULD AT LEAST CONTINUE
ITS POLICY OF ABSTENTION ON KOREAN MATTERS IN THE PLENARY
VOTE EXPECTED NEXT WEEK.

5. ON KOREA, KHANAL REPLIED HE SAW NO PROBLEM INASMUCH
AS HE EXPECTED NEPAL TO ABSTAIN. AS FOR CAMBODIA, HOW-
EVER, HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ASK US TO UNDERSTAND
NEPAL'S POSITION. NEPAL SAW NONALIGNMENT AS NOT BELONG-
ING TO ANY PARTICULAR BLOCK OF COUNTRIES AND AS DECIDING
ISSUES ON THEIR MERITS. FOR EXAMPLE, HE POINTED OUT
NEPAL'S POSITION ON THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH THEY HAD BEEN
UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO CHANGE. HOWEVER, ISRAEL'S
RIGHT TO EXIST HAD TO BE MAINTAINED WHILE SEEKING A
SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF OCCUPIED TERRITORY IF WORLD
CONFLICT WERE TO BE AVOIDED. NEPAL UNDERSTOOD OUR CON-
CERN AND APPRECIATED THE INTEREST WE HAD TAKEN IN DIS-
CUSSING KHMER ISSUE WITH IT. FURTHER THE GON APPRECIATED
GENERAL U.S. POLICY TOWARD NEPAL. HE AGREED TO CONVEY
OUR VIEWS TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

6. SOBER SAID HE THOUGHT KHANAL WAS IMPLYING THAT
SIHANOUK'S CASE WAS BETTER ON ITS MERITS. KHANAL SAID
THIS SEEMED TO BE THE CASE AND THAT ALTHOUGH SIHANOUK
HIMSELF WAS IN PEKING, HE APPEARED TO HAVE A CONSIDERABLE
FOLLOWING IN CAMBODIA. SOBER REPLIED THAT WE DISAGREED
WITH THIS ANALYSIS.

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7. SOBER RECALLED KHANAL'S POINT ABOUT NONALIGNMENT
AND POINTED OUT THAT WHILE WE WERE AWARE OF THE DECISION
TAKEN BY THE 1973 ALGIERS CONFERENCE TO SUPPORT SIHANOUK,
WE DID NOT SEE THIS AS A PROPER EXTENSION OF NONALIGNMENT.
IN FACT A NUMBER OF NONALIGNED COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY
IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, HAD OPPOSED THIS. KHANAL REPLIED THAT
NEPAL RESERVED THE RIGHT TO INTERPRET NONALIGNMENT AS IT
SAW IT AND THAT IT WOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE ITS POLICY
DECISIONS ON WHAT IT SAW AS THE MERITS OF THE CASE.

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